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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I believe that the antitrust suit that was brought forward against Microsoft has taken the eye off of innovation. The settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department pledges to put the drive to innovate back into the IT industry. The settlement is designed to give the consumer and economy a much needed confidence boost.

Under the settlement, Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system to twenty of the largest computer makers on equal terms and conditions, including price. The settlement instructs Microsoft not to enter contracts that would restrain software developers from developing or promoting software that would compete with its Windows. Microsoft has also agreed to the establishment of a three-person "Technical Committee" that would observe its conformity to the settlement.

I believe that the settlement addresses the demands of the suit adequately, and it would be beneficial in providing assistance to the revival of the economy. It's time to get on with business. I strongly recommend that you make certain to finalize this settlement.

Sincerely,

Thomas Will

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